GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:719
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
GROWTH IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in `Hindustan Times` dated July 11, 2005 wherein it has been stated that the Railways has registered negative growth in the year`s first quarter;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps initiated by the Railways to overcome negative growth?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.719 BY SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28-7-2005 REGARDING GROWTH IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (c) The said news item refers to a negative growth registered in the first quarter of the fiscal under Sundry earnings only, which constitute only around 2% of the Railways` traffic earnings. Total traffic earnings of the Railways in the first quarter have registered a growth of 14.58% over the corresponding period of last year. Traffic earnings under each category in the quarter are as under:

(Rs. in cr.)

Category	To end of June, 2004 (Approx.)	To end of June, 2005	Growth over June, 2004
Passenger earnings	3504.51	3808.69	8.68%
Other Coaching earnings	216.90	263.20	21.35%
Goods earnings	7091.34	8367.98	18.00%
Sundry earnings	199.84	178.32	-10.77%
Total traffic earnings	11012.59	12618.19	14.58%

Zonal Railway administrations have inter-alia been urged to take necessary steps to increase earnings from commercial advertisement and publicity, catering, Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD)/Public Call Office (PCO), parking, commercial utilization of land/buildings etc. which form part of Sundry earnings. Further improvement in performance in other areas is also being emphasized.